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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO SOVIET PROTESTS ON INTERIOR COMMITTEE
MEETING AND EXFILTRATION

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1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES EMBASSY'S EFFORTS OBTAIN APPROVAL
FROM OUR BONN GROUP ALLIES TO KEEP RESPONSE TO THE SOVIETS
ENTIRELY ORAL IN CHARACTER. AGREEMENT ON THIS POINT MAKES
EXACT WORDING OF TEXT SOMEWHAT LESS VITAL. NONETHELESS,
BONN GROUP DRAFT (REFTEL B) CONTAINS DANGERS, WHICH DESERVE
CONSIDERATION BY OUR ALLIES BEFORE DEMARCHE IS UNDERTAKEN.
THESE DANGERS CONSIST OF:

A. DISASSOCIATING THE THREE POWERS FROM THE DEFINITION
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OR INTERPRETATION OF "MISUSE", LEAVING THIS ENTIRELY FOR

THE EAST AND WEST GERMANS TO SETTLE BETWEEN THEMSELVES.

B. COMMENTING ON THE SPECIFIC CONTENTS OF FRG LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN WEST BERLIN, THUS OPENING THE POSSIBILITY OF SOVIET COMPLAINTS ABOUT AGENDAS AND SPEECHES AT FUTURE MEETINGS.

2. EMBASSY SHOULD SUGGEST THAT ONE OR MORE PORTIONS OF BONN GROUP DRAFT BE CUT TO ELIMINATE THESE PROBLEMS. EMBASSY MIGHT ALSO INDICATE OUR PREFERENCE THAT ALLIED SPOKESMAN IN MAKING ORAL REPLY SPEAK ALONG MORE GENERAL LINES CONTAINED IN REFTEL A. HOWEVER IF OUR ALLIES INSIST ON MAINTAINING ALL OR MAJOR PORTIONS OF BONN GROUP DRAFT
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IN ITS PRESENT FORM, EMBASSY IS AUTHORIZED TO ACCEDE SO THAT PRESENTATION TO SOVIETS, WHICH IS LONG DELAYED, CAN BE MADE LATER THIS WEEK. RUSH

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